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SUBJECT: US-GREEK ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT/ENRICHMENT SERVICES
CONTRACT

REF: 1) ATHENS 4140, 2) ATHENS 4120, 3) ATHENS 2949,
4) STATE 24675, 5) STATE 252984 (NOV 15, 1974)

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE GOG AND PUBLIC POWER CORP (PPC)
THAT US READILY AGREES TO MODIFY URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES
CONTRACT TO ACCOMMODATE GREEK CONCERNS RE CONCLUSION OF
AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. U.S. PROPOSES THAT SEPT DATE IN
ARTICLE II.1.B. OF CONTRACT RELATIVE TO AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION
BE CHANGED TO COINCIDE WITH REVISED JULY DATE IN ARTICLE XIII
RELATIVE TO PLUTONIUM RECYCLE. SPECIFICALLY, IT IS PROPOSED
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THAT THE DATE IN ARTICLE II BE CHANGED FROM "ON OR BEFORE

SEPT 30, 1975" TO "ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1976".

2. ERDA COULD INCLUDE SUCH CHANGE IN MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT WHICH, IN VIEW INDICATION IN REF 2, PPC WILL BE REQUESTING RELATIVE TO PU RECYCLE DATE (WHICH WOULD CHANGE FROM "PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1975" TO "PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1976"). HOWEVER, ERDA DOES NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE ESSENTIAL CHANGE FOR ARTICLE XIII. ERDA CONCERNED THAT IT HAS NOT (AS OF JUNE 10) RECEIVED OFFICIAL PPC REQUEST THAT JULY 1, 1975 DATE BE CHANGED, AS PER ERDA TELETYPES DATED MARCH 7 AND JUNE 5 TO PPC AND OTHER CUSTOMERS (COPIES ALSO TO EMBASSY ATHENS). REVISION OF CONTRACT WOULD BE SIMPLE LETTER FROM ERDA TO CUSTOMER, TO BE COUNTERSIGNED BY SAME BY JUNE 30 RPT JUNE 30. WHILE SUCH LETTER MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT COVERING CHANGE IN ARTICLE XIII MUST BE EXECUTED BY JUNE 30, THE MODIFICATION COULD ALSO--BUT NEED NOT--COVER CHANGE OF SEPT 30 DATE IN ARTICLE II. SUBSEQUENT, FURTHER LETTER MODIFICATION RE SEPT DATE PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE TO ERDA, IF GREEKS WOULD PREFER TO DEFER CONSIDERATION THIS ASPECT FOR TIME BEING. (SUCH SUBSEQUENT MODIFICATION, OF COURSE, MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SEPT 30).

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED CONVEY SINCERE REGRETS TO APPROPRIATE GREEK OFFICIALS THAT IT HAS NOT PROVED POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE TO GREEKS THAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN 1974 REVISING ATOMIC ENERGY ACT, TO GIVE CONGRESS OPPORTUNITY TO DISAPPROVE PROPOSED AGREEMENTS, COUPLED WITH CONGRESSIONAL SENSITIVITIES REGARDING U.S. INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COOPERATION, HAS PRESENTED CONSIDERATIONS WHICH USG HAS HAD TO WEIGH CAREFULLY IN PREPARATION OF DRAFT AGREEMENT. GREEKS SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT US DILIGENTLY PURSUING MATTER; IN MEANTIME, US HOPEFUL THAT GOG CONCERNS HAVE BEEN ALLAYED BY CONTRACT ACTION PROPOSED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

4. AS EMBASSY MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE, IN VIEW OF NRC REFERENCE IN PARA 2, REF 3, GREEK AEC SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ERDA, NOT NRC, IN COOPERATION WITH DEPT, RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION DRAFT AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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